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Deep into the darkness peering,
long I stood there wondering,
fearing,
Doubting, dreaming dreams no
mortal ever dared to dream before.

Edgar Allan Poe

medium II perspective

My mind to me, a kingdom is
Edward Dyer

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What's it all about ECSU?

Sex Education, alcohol and Rock 'n Roll. Is that all this year's ECSU has to offer? Do the programs they sponsor actuall represent the entire spectrum of interests expected of university students? Consider this.

Last week you were invited to the pub *four nights* of the week in order to become a member of the Royal Order of Duckies. 'when was the last time they did something *on such a scale* to foster the intellectual side of university life?

Next ime we elect a student government we should be sure to get one that will even *try* to promote a well balanced university atmosphere. This heavy pub emphasis can only be assessed as a bid for cheap popularity. Those of us interested in intellectual fulfillment can only feel short changed.

There is still time for improvement. We want more ...of everything.

"Hullo Mr. Prime Minister? Agent Q here ...yessir from our Washington embassy. Sir we've a reliable report that Quebec has secretly asked the U.S. to participate in a multinational force to liberate Newfoundland ...Nosir, the President reportedly said he was thinking about it..."

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medium II letters

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Boycott the U.S.?

Remember 1980, the year USSR invaded Afghanistan? Remember Sept. 1, 1983, the day the Soviet Union shot down the Korean Airlines passenger plane killing hundreds of innocent people? Remember the hue and cry raised by the western "free" world? We were so keen and quick to impose sanctions against the Russians. Nobody who believes in the peoples' right to live free from outside invasions and threats, and peoples's right to fly the skies without the threat of being blown to smithereens could agree with what the Soviet Union did. Both these acts were unjustifiable and inexcusable acts of callous murderers.

After the invasion of Afghanistan we imposed various sanctions to humiliate the Soviet government—the boycott of the Moscow Olympics being one of them. Are we—the free world—going to follow the same principle now, when the United States has committed the same crime as the USSR? The invasion of Grenada is as unjustifiable and atrocious as the invasion of Afghanistan. It is, as Mr. Broadbent, the leader of the NDP described, an act of cold-blooded murder.

This administration has done what has not been done by the United States since the invasion of Vietnam—it has invaded the sanctity of another nation. What Mr. Reagan calls a "rescue mission" and an attempt not to repeat the Iran Crisis, is to me an attack on a sovereign nation. While the US troops "rescued" a few Americans and allies, the lives of thousands of natives of Grenada have been disrupted, It will be decades, if not more, before normalcy returns to Grenadian life and economy.

Although the idea of imposing sanctions against the United States may seem ridiculous, the sanctions, if appropriately placed, will provide an effective embarrassment to the Reagan administration. Among other things, wouldn't we be wise and justified in boycotting the 1984 Los Angeles Olympic?

If what Reagan did, without even consulting his allies, could be justified then the nations around the US should get ready for an invasion of their sovereignty. I will not be surprised if there are more "rescue missions" in Central and Latin America.

The Allies are pussyfooting around this issue, with Canada as an exception. The Canadian leaders have voiced their concerns over the Grenadian affairs. Mr. Trudeau's attempts to initiate peace are being taken by many as personally and politically inspired motives. But Trudeau is trying to reinsert hope and trust into the international crisis. The current peace mission to Europe may be a futile attempt but it's better to try and fail than not to have tried at all.

Sanjay Nirula

Meeting of Erindale College Council

Monday November 21, 1983 at 12:30
in the Council Chamber

Guest Speaker: Provost Lorna Marsden
Vice-Provost, University of Toronto

Topic: 'How We're Dealing with Hard Times'

Fee Fie Foe *Fund?*

One question repeatedly raised during recent discussions of the proposed laboratory incidental fee for science courses concerned the disposition of funds collected. I would like to assure students that all funds collected will be credited in full to the teaching supplies and/or equipment accounts of the Disciplines in which they have been generated. In this way we expect the funds to be fully expended during the session when they are collected.

The following points, related to the proposed fee, are recorded in the minutes of the October 4th, 1983 meeting of the College Committee on Academic Affairs:

If the Vice-Provost's proposal is adopted by Governing Council, the fee will be implemented in September, 1984, only in those science disciplines listed above: AST, BIO, CHM, EPS, PSY, PHY, SUR.

Any proposal to expand the fee to other disciplines will be brought to this committee for approval.

The fee will be collected in the College, the directs costs of collecting it will be deducted, and the remainder will be returned directly to the supplies and equipment accounts of the discipline involved.

Any increase in the fee will have to be approved by Governing Council; any proposal for an increase will be brought first to this committee.

Since the meeting of October 4th the College has agreed to absorb the direct costs of collecting the proposed fee.

Yours sincerely,
J.J. Fawcett
Professor of Geology
Associate Dean (Sciences)

Yes Vote?

Re: Mark Hammond's seemingly coercive plea for SAC Fee referendum. Geez Mark, I'm so glad that you awfully nice guys are pumping all that money into me having such a marvy time here at Erindale. Golly, I never knew SAC had those nasty money problems. Sure I'll vote "Yes", but if the majority don't, does that mean no more SACburgers or free movies? Gosh, I hope not.

Actively concerned,
Bill Sutton.

staff

I bet you never thought there was such a difference between the numbers 8 and 12. What's four pages anyway? We didn't really want to do a pictorial paper anyway, right?

Thanks to the medium II diehards. And to Marilyn for learning so quickly, and to Fariyal for her enlightening proofing. A note to Privates Kim and Vickers: Be prepared for the 50-mile hike next week, at 05:00 hours. It'll do wonders for your systems. To the Chief: forget about decorum every now and then, it's more fun when we all go crazy. Speaking of which, I hope to see everyone on Tuesday, for the inserts, right men and ladies?!?

news

Blessed is the man who, having nothing to say, abstains from giving us wordy evidence of of the fact.

George Eliot

ECSU supports SAC Referendum, finally

By Wanda Ferguson

To support the SAC Fee Referendum or not to support it? This is the question which will be directed towards the students of Erindale today.

SAC, which has not had a fee increase since 1968, is presently in serious financial difficulty. Presently, they have a debt of $53,000 and face the possibility of bankruptcy. This summber, SAC had to borrow money from the administration at U of T in order to meet operating expenses.

Students at Erindale contribute $10.75 of their incidental fees to SAC, which is now asking for a fee increase of $7 over the next three years ($3 next year and $2 for the next two years).

Last Monday at the ECSU meeting, a motion was presented by Bryan Murray, an Erindale representative at SAC as well as ECSU's Director of External Affairs, that ECSU support the SAC Referendum. What initially appeared to be a simple request for a fee increase was turned into a potentially explosive issue by the directors of ECSU.

ECSU President Kent Tubman expressed concern that Erindale students don't get their money's worth of the $10.75 they pay for SAC. Tubman also voiced disapproval at the present representation by SAC at the suburban level and the nature of the benefits that SAC proposes for Erindale if their fee increase is approved. According to Tubman, 'The benefits which SAC is promising us are balloons floating around in the sky that no one seems to know what to do with.'

These proposed benefits include: cheaper pubs, free buses to out of town sports events, free coffee and donuts...

Director Without Portfolio, Kevin Golding voiced disapproval at the fact that SAC President Mark Hammond was not at the meeting to present the motion hinself.

The determining factor at the meeting seemed to be when VP Finance Dave Hallett said, 'We should let the students of Erindale decide on this issue rather than trying to influence them'. Eventually the motion the ECSU support the SAC Fee Referendum was defeated.

Later than week, an emergency ECSU meeting was called. After having listened to an emotional appeal for support in the Referendum by Mark Hammond, the members of ECSU decided to reconsider their decision. This time, the motion to support the fee increase passed with little difficulty. VP Administration Gail MacDonald stated 'I think it's our responsibility to vote in a responsible manner'. She explained to the ECSU directors that this was more important than worrying about how they would appear to students for changing their minds. She also added that by supporting the Referendum, ECSU is not telling the students to vote 'yes'. They are merely stating that they feel a 'yes' vote is the best choice.

The welcoming in of...

Courtesy of *Contrast* Newspaper

Hamilton: Homosexuals should not be made welcome in Bermuda, said opposition senator, Charles Bean of the Progressive Labour Party.

He said the Immigration Department should make strong attempts to weed out homosexuals applying for work permits or Bermuda citizenship.

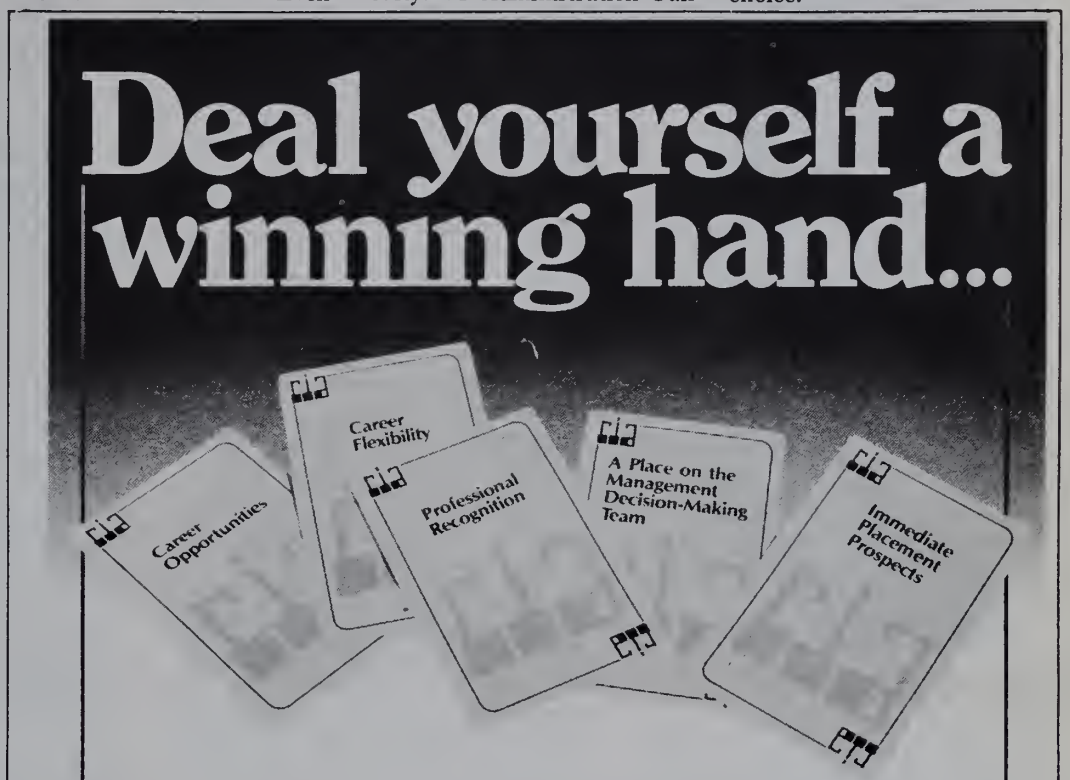
A homosexual policeman who resigned recently after he was transferred from the drug squad was not sacked, said Bean, but he was distressed that the policeman had already got Bermuda citizenship and he was wondering if it could be revoked.

Hamilton, Bermuda: A bill to legalize homosexuality between consenting adults is expected to be introduced in the next parliamentary session a local newspaper has reported.

The Royal Gazette said the measure would be an amendment to the criminal code, and that it has already been discussed in Cabinet.

The bill is expected to be as controversial as the Abortion bill, which was passed after considerable debate in both the Assembly and the Senate. The Abortion bill liberalised the island's abortion laws.

The homosexuality bill will be introduced as a private member's bill, the Gazette said, to allow MPs to vote freely according to conscience.



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Roots of The Ch

By Robert Sabga, M.S.Ed.

In criticizing my article on Religious Detoxification, people have made the mistake of mixing up my convictions with the counselling intervention process. They are not the same. In search of things to stengthen my faith I began serious research into religions of every sort, concentrating on Christianity.

The more I looked, however, the more I found that they gradually weakened my faith. My search took me to many places and brought me into contact with many learned men and experts in theology.

It also led to many shattered people who, like me, had been ravaged by misled religious fervor. It was from those encounters that the need for a specialized intervention strategy was realized, and the germ for the theory of religious detoxification was born.

The key thing that must be understood about the theory is that it is a non-sectarian counselling process that addresses *only* problem-causing beliefs, and is *not* bent on eradicating religion as a whole. That is unprofessional, unethical and psychologically untenable. I don't know how I can make that point clear enough. The theory was developed in response to a perceived need in the population. That these people exist and that their dilemmas are real and are emotionally devastating cannot be denied. I should know. I see them all the time. So do doctors, social workers, and yes, even priests.

Since the main purpose of this column is to educate, perhaps it is time to display just how much ignorance of religion I do have. What follows here is not speculation. Nor is it one man's opinion of religion. It represents the efforts of a great many historians, theologians, archeologists and anthropologists. That is does not paint quite the picture of Christianity's origins Christians endorse, cannot be helped. That such a thing could happen is tragic. That it is not the only time it has happened it terrifying...

How it Began

In 306 A.D. the Roman Emperor Constantine came to power, succeeding Diocletian. It was a time of great political unrest in the empire. Under Diocletian the empire was divided into four administrative units in an attempt to tighten control.

Prior to Diocletian it had been pure chaos. Emperors had followed each other in a bewildering and rapid progression. Twelve successive emperors reigned an average of three years each, and not one of them died in his bed.

Though Diocletian, and before him Aurelian, had gradually reduced the instability of third-century Rome, Diocletian's administrative strategies had only widened the schisms between the prevalent religious factions in the empire. The two most prominent and militant religions of the period were the followers of the Indian god Krishna and the Mithraic sun-god Iesus or Hesus. They had effectively split the empire in half, despite Constantine's efforts to reunite the Roman State, with the Krishnans in the East, and the Mithrans in the West.

By 324 A.D., the conflicts between these two main factions had erupted in open violence and protests, ultimately impacting in Rome. The time had come for Constantime to act.

In May 325 A.D. Constantine convened the world's first ecumenical council at Nicaea, in the Roman province of Bithynia, in Asia Minor. What happened there was to affect the course of human history from that point on.

But first some background on the two religions. The Mithraic sun-god Iesus or Hesus (at the time also known as Sol Invictus - the unconquered sun - to the Romans, the god that the Emperor Aurelian set up a state cult to in 274 A.D. following his victory in Syria) was an adopted god that evolved from the Egyptian religion worship-*Huhi* (or *Atum-Ra*), the Eternal Father in Heaven and *Iu* (or *Horus*), the manifesting Son of God.

It was from the name *Horus* that *Hesus/Iesus* came. The religion had remained strongest in Syria since the fall of Egypt. When Aurelian adopted the sun-god Hesus, he announced that the birthday of the sun, a day of special festival, was to be December 25th.

Indeed, throughout history, nearly all religions of the world have had a celebration that falls close to this date. In Judaism it is Hanukkah, the Festival of Lights. Pre-Christian Scandinavians enjoyed the Feast of the Frost King. In Rome prior to the invocation of Sol Invictus (Hesus) it was the Saturnalia. And, not surprisingly, in Egypt it was the mid-winter festival in honour of Horus. The sun's halo, as well as the date of his birth, would later be incorporated into Christianity.

It strikes me as odd that the Bib Word of God and ultimate source o living breathing Christian, was recognized and officiated as such u of Trent, which took place bet 1545-1563 AD, one thousand fi more years after the time of Christ.

The spread of the Krishna religion is even more interesting. In Indian mythology Krishna was the ninth avatar or incarnation of the all powerful creator Vishnu. Krishna's coming to earth has been variable placed between 500 B.C. and 100 B.C. Vishnu, originally one of a pantheon of thirty-three. gods in the series ot hymns called the Rig-Veda or Vedic poems, was gradually singled out between 800 B.C. to 500 B.C. as a movement away from polytheism toward monotheistic pantheism which occurred in India.

The Vedic poems date back to about 3,000 B.C., but are not considered complete until about 800 B.C. when it consisted in total of 1,028 hymns to 33 gods, including Mitra (the Persian sun-god Mithras or Hesus, showing the extent of influence of the Egyptian religions). The teachings of Krishna were brought to the Roman Empire in the 1st century A.D. by a Greek philosopher and pythagorean teacher, a man called Appolonius.

Born in Tyanna in the 1st century, he was well travelled and is believed to have covered most of the then known world, especially the eastern empire.

Developments

While in India he became fascinated with the teachings of Krishna, and brought them back to the empire. He wrote profusely and kept logs of his travels. These would survive him, and would be kept on file in Antioch (more on that later). The language of the civilized world of the Roman Empire in the first century was Greek. In Greek "Krishna" became "Christos" or "Kristos"...

Now back to Constantine. The burnning question which the Nicean Council was called to settle was whether the Hindu Krishna (Christos) should prevail over the Druidic Hesus, or whether both should be worshipped. accordingly, or whether they should be united into one god and the writer the empire under one religion.

Constantine had first tried to settle the argument by proposing the adoption of both gods. This policy had failed, and the arguments of the bishops finally became so hostile between the two factions that Constantine summoned the leading bishops of the sects to meet in council at Nicaea. The fragments of history on the subject, and letters written by those who attended the council, indicate that some 1,800 bishops were present. Of these, only 300 supported Constantine's scheme to unite the two religions on the first vote.

This made Constantine furious. The leader of the opposition, a Krishnan bishop by the name of Arius, presbyter of a parish in Alexandria called Baucalis, prepared a declaration of his group's objections and presented them to the Synod. Known as the Arian Heresy, the objections basically stated. that the new "god" would be, by virtue of his being created by the council, a creature and not an eternal being, and therefore not a god at all. Constantine's supporters tore it to shreds. So great was the ensuing uproar that the Roman Guards were summoned to restore order. Constantine's faction then excommunicated Arius and his followers (1,500 strong), and by edict of Constantine, Arius was sent into exile.

The union of religions was put to a vote to the 300 bishops who had originally supported Constantine. Not surprisingly, the approval was unanimous. A new, amalgamated god was born. His name in Greek was Hesus Kristos. We know him now as Jesus Christ.

The true proceedings of Nicaea were reported by the historian and Arian leader Eunomius, based on the writings of Arius and letters from his fellow bishops while in exile. Eunomius wrote 200 years after the Council, and his revelations shocked the Christian world. By "holy decree" the priesthood of Rome attempted to destroy forever all traces of the proceedings of the Nicaean Council as contained in his writings, and also the writings of his followers who attempted to refute the charges subsequently laid against him. Fortunately, they were not entirely successful...

Creating a Religion

In addition to creating a new religion (ostensibly) Constantine desired to re-establish the See of Emperor as not just a political fulcrum, but as a position tantamount to being a god (this was the old tradition in the Roman Empire which existed throughout its history of sun-worship. It was a system inherited from the Egyptian religions, but one which lost credence prior to Aurelian). To effect this, Constantine

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declared that a new city was to be built to celebrate the Empire's new religion. The site chosen was Byzantium. When Constantine inaugurated the city in 330 AD, he renamed it - modestly - Constantinople, "Constantine's city" (in 1930 the Turks renamed it Istanbul). He depicted in the mosaics scenes of himself with Jesus and the Virgin, and in other pious situations. This was to become quite a hobby for future emperors—Theodosius, for instance, had himself depicted suckling with Jesus from Mary's breasts, and Justinian had his likeness added to that of Constantine and Jesus.

Constantine offered special monetary concessions to people who would endorse his new religion. Soon the rich were flocking into the church for the sake of tax concessions.

By 380, however, rewards for Christians had given way to penalties for non-Christians. In that year the emperor Theodosius made belief in the new Christianity a matter of imperial command. In part, his decree read: "We command that those persons who follow this rule (become Christians) shall embrace the name of Catholic Christians. The rest, however, whom We adjudge demented and insane, shall not receive the name of churches, and they shall be smitten first by divine vengeance and secondly by the retribution of Our own initiative, which We shall assume in accordance with divine judgement". Invariably this last statement meant they would be put to death.

Inconsistencies

There is great objection among orthodox theologians to the idea that Christ was fabricated by amalgamating two religions. These men all start out. from the point of view that Christ was real, that He did exist, and overlook huge inconsistencies in their attempts to prove such.

They object that if Christ was created at Nicaea, how are the mentions of Christians in the writings of Pliny, Socrates, Tacitus and innumerable others accounted for. The answer is obvious. The teachings of Krishna (which means Protector or Savior) were brought by a Greek to a Greek world. To translate the meaning into Greek the name became Kristos or Christos, and subsequently the religion's followers were called Christians.

The persecutions of these Christians were at the hands of the traditional sun-worshipping Romans, the most severe periods of which, not surprisingly, were during the reigns of Nero and of Aurelian, both who were pro-Hesus. The Nero persecution is especially significant , since it occurred around the same time (60-68 A.D.) that Appolonius of Tyanna and the Paul of the Epistles were spreading the good news. What is fascinating is that, outside of the Bible, there is no mention anywhere in any records of a man named Jesus Christ who went around performing miracles, yet we in some cases know down to the last bushel how much wheat and grain was stored in the warehouses in Jerusalem, for example.

The only "proof" that directly mentions Christ are some extremely questionable (indeed, they have openly been called fraudulent) letters written supposedly by Pontius Pilate, that surfaced some four hundred years after they were supposedly written...

The creation of a new religion was no easy feat for Constantine. In addition to combining the two traditions, he had to give his new god roots that all the empire would accept. The combining of traditions was little problem since both had common roots—the Vedic hymns. But to fill in the gaps, Constantine had all of the libraries and storehouses of learning sacked and pillaged. The greatest loss to us was the library at Alexandria (It was this total destruction of knowledge that plunged the world into the Dark Ages). What his researchers could not use were either burned or hidden (Many of these manuscripts are still in the possession of the Vatican). In melding the Krishnan tradition, he had to also adopt the concept of the 3-in-1 god.

Hinduism at the time had culminated in a triad of gods: Brahma, the creator; Vishnu, the preserver; and Shiva, the destroyer, and these were depicted by one body and three heads known as the Three-fold Deity.

The story of Krishna relates that He was born to a virgin mother, came to earth to save the world, and was crucified.
He will return, it continues, one more time as the Tenth Avatar, the "Kalki", at which time the world will end.
Sound familiar?

The Origin of The Gospels

It is now widely accepted that the four canonical gospels, attributed traditionally to Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, have a manifest difference in manner and style between the first three and the fourth.

The traditional picture of primitive Christianity is largely based on the so-called Acts of the Apostles. They were composed by the author of the third gospel in the first quarter of the second century, according to some experts, when the fusion of the Messianists and Gnostic movements, which contributed to the emergence of the Catholic church, was well under way.

The intention of author of the Acts,

Robert Sabga discusses the origins of Christianity

they continue, was to assist that fusion by writing an idealized and imaginary account of early Christianity emphasizing unity only achieved in the second century as having existed from the beginning. The Acts deal with the missionary activities of Saul of Tarsus, who, for no apparent reason, is called Paul from 13:9 onwards. The interesting thing is that some of the adventures of Paul in this part of the Acts are duplicates of those of Peter in earlier chapters.
It is now generally acknowledged that the first gospel written was that of Mark, and that the others were written from this original. The author was a scholar by the name of Marcion, a native of Cappadocia, an educated and influential man whose native language was Samaritan, but who also spoke Greek and Latin. Marcion came upon the knowledge that the Pauline Epistles were on file in Antioch (any bells ringing yet?) and he went there and succeeded in securing access to them. He then set about translating the documents, making changes here and there for reasons clear only to himself.

The Epistles Marcion worked on, those attributed to Paul, were in fact written by a Greek, one Appolonius of Tyanna, known to his friends and companions as Pol. It is he who is mentioned as Paul in the New Testament.

Many traditions and stories were drawn on for the Christ of the Scriptures. An excellent example is the Judaic story of Joseph of the multi-coloured coat (still in the Old Testament). Consider the following: Joseph was Jesus' father's name; Joseph had 12 brothers, Jesus had 12 disciples; Joseph was sold into slavery for 30 pieces of silver, Jesus was sold for 20 pieces of silver; Joseph was sold by his brother Judah, Jesus by Judas; Joseph returned on an ass, Jesus rode into Jerusalem on an ass. An example of borrowed tradition is also easy: studies of the Dead Sea scrolls have shown that the sermon on the Mount attributed to Jesus was actually an Essene prayer pre-dating Christ by 300 years. The list goes on and on: Theologians now claim that Jesus was not born in a manger but a cave, that there was no star of David, that there were no 3 wise men etc. An endless parade of compromises.

There are many other aspects of various traditions that were incorporated into the stories of Christ. There is the alchemical tradition of Christ (or Horus or Krishna or any other personified deity) as being the product of the union of *Nous* and *Physis*; there are the stages in Christ's life reflecting the stages of the birth and death of the sun in Mithraic/Egyptian tradition; there is the parallel between the 12 disciples and the 12 zodiacal signs, again as part of the sun-worship tradition, and on and on and on.

Since this is a newspaper, there is no way to footnote any of this, but a partial bibliography will be available to anyone interested. A book is in the works, and with any luck will be published by this time next year. In closing however, there is one comment I would like to make. If the Christians are correct, and all of this is just one fantastic coincidence, then I am still puzzled. It strikes me as odd that the Bible, the inspired word of God and ultimate source of truth for every living, breathing Christian, was not officially recognized and officiated as such until the Council of Trent, which took place between the years 1545-1563 A.D., more than one thousand, five hundred years after the time of Christ...

gainst the fading of the light...

sports

Victory has a hundred memories but defeat has amnesia.
W.I.E. Gates

Field Hockey: *We are Champions...*

By Rino Anastasio

A fine reward went to Kevin to end his coaching career as the Women's Div. 1 Field Hockey: this year's championship. Kevin, who will be graduating this year, coached the team the past four years, making this his second championship to credit. He's enjoyed the time and effort he has put into the team and adds: "It (the championship) all makes it worthwhile".

The game began in the early morning on Thursday and despite the chilly, damp air, the girls played in full uniform; looking more impressive than Rehab., dressed in random coloured track suits. the Hustlers could smell victory in the air and probably wanted to look their best for the championship photo.

The teams were more or less evenly matched; however, Erindale showed dominance as they kept applying pressure in the offensive zone. The Hustlers scored the first goal but a second goal was disallowed due to offside. Rehab. came back and tied it at one at the end of the first half.

Erindale came very close to scoring again in the second half with good opportunities and good shots on net but the Rehab. goal-tender came up sharp. The game ended in the tie which brought the traditional rules of overtime into effect; two five minute halves were played and at the end, the game was still a draw. Erindale again had some close chances at scoring but no luck for winning: some difficulty in controlling the ball, chipping it instead of hitting square on, upset on a few potential scoring plays.

So the game moved into penalty strokes: each team was given five shots on net, alternating between strokes. Erindale went first and stopped; similarly for Rehab. On Erindale's third stroke the ball responded, zipping by the goaltender's right side. Rehab. could not score for their third and fourth try which meant Erindale's final stroke would guarantee them the championship. Lori Oakley, under great pressure, took the shot for Erindale. But the championship was not an easy task to accomplish: Erindale was stopped, and now the the verdict rested upon Rehab.'s final stroke. If Rehab. missed, the Hustlers would win; if they scored, another set of penalty strokes would begin...

The playing field came alive with cheers and whistles as Debbie McCarroll stopped Rehab.'s threatening attempt.

At the end, the coach congratulated the team and wished them all the best in the future. Next year the team will consist almost entirely of new players since most of the senior girls are graduating as well. So "the Golding team" comes to an end, leaving their signature engraved in the gold-stick trophy. Congratulations girls, you all make a great team picture - with Spot as your impromptu mascot.

Photo Credit: Andy Spears

Debbie McCarroll saves the game.

Men's Rugby: Look out finals here we come!

By Peter Bulas

Sunshine, mild temperatures, and a good playing field produced ideal conditions for the rugby interfaculty semi-finals last Thursday. Law & Forestry played against a powerful Erindale team who won the contest decisively with a final score of 28 to 10. Indeed, even before the game started it appeared that Erindale would dominate the match simply because of the greater size, intensity, and neat but mean team appearance, due to their black and green uniforms. In contrast, Law & Forestry seemed disorganized, mostly as a result of appearing without a team uniform.

These first impressions proved to be correct as Erindale's Walter Tersigni scored his first try (equivalent to a touchdown in football) in the very first minute of the game on a wild scramble from a line-out. Paul Kaminski kicked the convert and all others for Erindale. Erindale further established its dominance when Kevin Golding scored Erindale's second try, first of three, just one minute later. Thus, after only two minutes of play it was Erindale 10, the visitors nothing, At the 11 minute mark Golding scored his second try and Kaminski hit the post on his convert attempt. That was it for the first half and the score was 14 to 0 at halftime.

The second half began as a complete reversal of the first. Forestry's Vic Beault scored on a long run in the opening minute and Guillaume Gignac made the convert good. It was 14 to 6 and the game started to get a little disorganized. After some rough play and a real struggle, Golding scored his third and final try to pull Erindale together again. Erindale's coach, Bob Ryckman, said that Golding was "playing his best game of the year" and that he was a "big factor" in the match.

With the score 18 to 6 it seemed that the game was well under control. The "scrappy" Forestry squad proved otherwise and bounced right back to make the score 18 to 10 on a break away by Dean Hart. There was no doubt, however, about the final outcome. Erindale was just overpowering. With five minutes left in the game Scott Moore bulldozed his way into the endzone while Kaminski added his second convert to make it 24 to 10 for Erindale.

Sensing defeat and realizing that, almost certainly, these were the last minutes of their season, Law & Forestry became increasingly aggressive. This was to no avail, however, for in the very last seconds of the game the relentless Erindale team scored again. It was Tersigni making it "a pair of bookends" by scoring the last and first tries of the game to make the final score 28 to 10. The powerful Erindale team looks like the team to beat going into the final.

Erindale vs. Trinity: What a joke!

By Brian Vickers

At last Tuesday's men's interfaculty ice hockey game, some Trinity supporters were making rude remarks about the Warriors and about Erindale in general. They asked whether Erindale students could read and write. They also joked about the Warriors having more guys on the bench than on the ice.

By the end of the evening, the Trinity fans were quiet as Erindale had an easy time beating Trinity, 10-0. Netminder Frank Jeffrey got the shutout for the Warriors. The victory increased Erindale's record to 3 and 0.

The game was a real joke! Trinity had about ten shots on Erindale goalie Frank Jeffrey through the whole game.

While the whole team put on a good performance, two players stood out above all others: Randy Koroll and Steve Yakamott. Koroll led the way with three goals while Steve Yakamott had four assists. Yakamott is the team's leading point-getter with six points followed by Chris Hundt with five.

Erindale's goal-scorers were Randy Koroll with three goals and Doug Selterington, Stuart Hunter, Chris Hundt, Greg Gwynne, Neil McKeon, John Lenchak, and Joe Mockler with singles.

This is my first year covering Erindale interfaculty hockey and I have to say this team is very impressive.

On offense they are very strong and can be physical when needed to be. Offensive standouts are Chris Hundt, Randy Koroll, Steve Yakamott and Neil McKeon just to name a few. One guy who has really impressed me this year is rookie Greg Gwynne. He has what some coaches refer to as "hockey sense". He seems to know where to be at the right time. When he is on the ice he always gives 120%. I believe number 12 is one of the guys to watch this year on this Erindale team.

Not enough good things can be said about the defense. The defense is effective because of guys like John Lenchak, Doug Selterington and team captain Dan Barret.

From what I have seen, the goaltending is pretty good. The goalies have only two goals-against in three games, for a team goals-against-average of 0.67. In all truthfullness, it is difficult to assess the goalies because in the games they have played so far they have been tested very seldom. Hey Pete and Frank, don't get me wrong but, you must admit, you haven't been worked off your feet in any of the games.

After reading this "mid-term evaluation" you're probably wondering what can possibly go wrong? From the look of it, not much. It appears that Coach Ted Nesbitt has another championship team on his hands. One word of warning: all championship teams have one thing in common, consistency.

In Passing....In the game against Trinity, two of Erindales' goals were scored while shorthanded....Greg Gwynne was back after being absent from last week's game....Erindale's next game is against Law on Thursday, November 17th at 10:00 p.m. at Varsity Arena.

Vanier Cup 1983

By Brian Vickers

This Saturday the two top university football teams in Canada will meet at Varsity Stadium to decide the winner of the 1983 Vanier Cup.

The teams that will be meeting at Varsity Stadium are the University of Calgary Dinosaurs and the Queen's Golden Gaels.

The week of November 15th to November 19th has been proclaimed Vanier Cup Festival Week by Metro Toronto. There are many events taking place, with the proceeds going to Diabetes Canada.

The Vanier Cup Kickoff takes place at Nathan Phillips Square, City Hall, on Wednesday November 16th at 12:00 noon. There will be a football-kicking competition between celebrities and media. For every yard kicked, the Toronto Junior Board of Trade will donate $1.00 to Diabetes Canada.

On Thursday, November 17th the Schenley C.I.A.U. football awards presentation will take place at the Westin Hotel. And then, on Friday the Nestle C.I.A.U. All-Canadian football awards will be presented.

The climax to Festival Week is the Vanier Cup game itself. The game will be played at Varsity Stadium at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 19th. Ticket prices are $10.00/$8.00/$6.00 and $4.00 for students. Try and make it out to the game. You're sure to see an afternoon of entertaining football.

If you can't make it to the game, it will be televised by CTV, with a radio broadcast by CBC.

We've got a really cramped sports page this week; only eight pages, eh.

Thanks to Andy and Rino for getting up early to do the field hockey. Thanks to Steve for developing the Dryden pictures. And last, but not least, dear P.Y.T: thanks for the cake and the mini-ghetto blaster. Just when P.Y.T was back to her old self, she gets a cold; hope you feel better. You've got to start taking better care of your P.Y. self.

Why did Queen's have to beat the dear old Varsity Blues? Congrats to the Women's Field Hockey team who won the championship last week. Good luck to the Men's Rugby team.

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Life's too short for chess.
Lord Byron

Airband '83

Erindale's ***Airband '83*** was an outstanding success. Celebrities such as David Bowie, Rod Stewart, Chuck Berry and The Tubes made appearances. the energetic lead singer of the win-group, ***Bloodshot*** is pictured far left, with the guitarists for ***The Graham Crackers*** beside.

Priorities *Here and...*

By John Bozzo

Richard Pryor is back with his full arsenal of comic weapons. ***Richard Pryor Here And Now*** is a film that brings us Pryor in the environment in which he functions most successfully; doing standup comedy in concert.

Before the actual concert begins, one is presented with action that cuts back and forth between scenes of Pryor in backstage interviews comtemplating his life, performing in a small club, and adoring fans stating their admiration for Pryor and his comedy. This montage combined with some stimulating music by the ***S.O.S. Band*** makes for an effective launching of a concert filmed at the large and crowded Saenger Theatre in New Orleans.

It is difficult to explain what specifically it is about Pryor and his comedic magic that makes the film shockingly funny. Although an attempt should be made to describe it. His comedy can at times be brutally honest, bitingly realistic, or painfully poignant or all of these combined. It is almost always funny. It is a unique style of comedy and is very modern in form and content.

Pryor displays a great deal of insight into such timely topics as racism, sex, drugs, alcohol, and politics. Much of it appears to be based on personal experience and is probably not just a matter imagination. This all leads to some searing social commentary.

But, it is Pryor's delivery and a magical "connection" with the audience that puts him and all truly brilliant comedians ahead of the game. This

This may be why Pryor is in his element in concert films. Only with the use of cameras and closeups can one completely appreciate his talent. Hopemagic is based on an imaginative use of mannerisms, voice, body language, facial expressions, and eyes. He also has very good timing and an ability to do characterizations. fully, he will continue to do such one man shows.

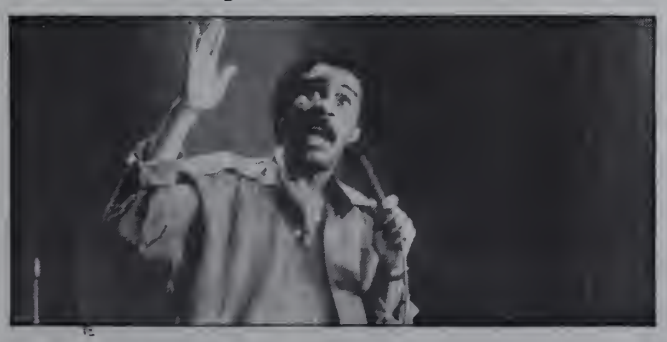
Technically, the film is well crafted. Editing is consistently smooth. Cuts and angles appear well thought out and the shots are both interesting and revealing. The performance is generally at a funny high. The slow periods in the film do little to dampen the overall quality and fun.

Some may believe that Pryor has mellowed somewhat. He does know his former drug and alcohol addictions and in one touching routine he performs therefore does to have lost a bit of the hard edge that he displayed in his first concert film.

Cutting insights are still evident in his comments on male/female relations, nuclear war, and Ronald Reagan. He still deals with what many as a drug addict whose lifestyly can only be pitied. He would consider taboo subjects. He uses four letter words constantly and makes mention of his sexual organ often. The real Richard Pryor is still with us. The cuteness he displayed in the ***Superman II*** film is gladly missing.

Comedy is many times based on misfortune and can be one of the best vehicles for social commentary. Pryor's cutting and perceptive insights combined with style and an effective delivery make him an expert social commentator. Some may find his comedy excessive and disgusting. It all depends on one's attitude.

The slightly deviant university student should enjoy it immensely. If you do not take anything to do with sex, drugs, politics, social disease, crabs (both types), sexual organs, and human relations to seriously, then this film is for you.



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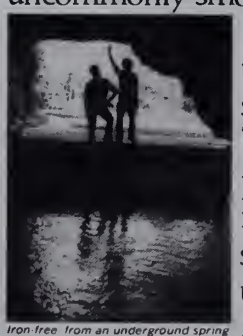

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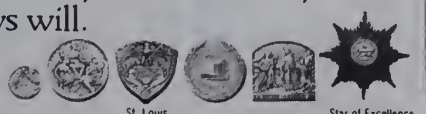

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